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SUBJECT: JAPANESE STA DIRECTOR GENERAL'S VISIT TO U.S.

STATE FOR OES/NET; S/AS

1. THE JAPANESE ECONOMIC JOURNAL NIHON KEIZAI ON AUG. 23  
REPORTED AS EXTRACTED BELOW:

"STA DIRECTOR GENERAL KUMAGAI PLANS TO VISIT U.S. SEPT. 8  
THROUGH 16. HE WILL MEET WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH TO EXPLAIN  
THAT NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN  
THE JAPANESE NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.  
KUMAGAI WILL CONVEY JAPAN'S BASIC POLICY TO THE U.S. IN  
PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND-ROUND OF U.S.-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS  
TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE FALL OF NEXT YEAR WHEN THE TWO-YEAR  
OPERATION PERIOD FOR TOKAI-MURA REPROCESSING PLANT WILL  
EXPIRE. THE DIFFERING VIEWS ON FUEL REPROCESSING BETWEEN  
U.S. AND JAPAN WAS BROUGHT UP DURING SHARP FIRST-ROUND  
NEGOTIATIONS LAST YEAR, AND THE COMPROMISE ON LIMITED-  
PERIOD OPERATION OF TOKAI-MURA PLANT WAS BARELY REACHED.  
JAPAN IS WATCHING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY WITH SECOND-ROUND  
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NEGOTIATIONS A YEAR AHEAD. THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEM TO BE  
CHANGING ITS STRONG ATTITUDE AGAINST NECESSITY OF  
REPROCESSING. GOJ DECIDED TO SEND KUMAGAI IN THE BELIEF  
THAT, IF THINGS REMAIN AS THEY ARE UNTIL SECOND-ROUND  
NEGOTIATIONS, THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES EVEN IN OBTAIN-  
ING U.S. UNDERSTANDING FOR EXTENDED TOKAI-MURA PLANT  
OPERATION."

2. WHEN EMBASSY ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT NATURE OF KUMAGAI'S TRIP, WE WERE TOLD THAT HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST WAS IN VISITING CANADA, AND WANTED TO INCLUDE U.S. IN ITINERARY AS SECONDARY OBJECTIVE. MOFA DID NOT APPEAR TO LOOK ON VISIT AS BEING VERY IMPORTANT. MANSFIELD

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